

Despite the daunting task at hand, Shadawn's composure was unflagging and her capacity to maintain and nurture relations with members of the press—and the Democratic caucus—were invaluable.

It would be easy to recognize Shadawn first and foremost for her work on the Judiciary Committee's oversight efforts, which included two presidential impeachments during her tenure. And, to be sure, Shadawn handled these incredibly demanding environments with poise, marshalling stakeholders, communicating effectively with the media, and shaping the public narrative to ensure our message of accountability under the law was heard loudly and clearly by the American people. But to focus only on these high-profile events would be to omit Shadawn's commitment to all the work of the Judiciary Committee.

Shadawn sacrificed much of herself, without complaint, to provide access to the press and ensure the public understood what was transpiring in the Halls of Congress. She would regularly wake early, arriving at the Rayburn House Office Building often before the sun rose to ensure that television cameras and reporters were met with unlocked doors. She was also a kind presence to the junior staffers and interns who perform much of the unsung work of the Committee, offering guidance on how to communicate effectively and how to navigate a career on Capitol Hill. And Shadawn expanded and transformed the Judiciary Committee's digital program, ensuring that the work of the Committee could meet Americans where they are today: online and on social media. Her legacy is a Judiciary Committee with a social media reach unparalleled among other House Committees.

In bringing the Judiciary Committee into the 21st century, Shadawn worked to ensure that the Committee was actively addressing issues that were top of mind to the American people. She was deeply passionate about overhauling America's broken, often brutal system of policing and helped shepherd the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act—bold legislation that reimagines policing in our communities—through the Judiciary Committee and the full House of Representatives. In doing so, Shadawn showcased her wide array of skills, demonstrating her ability to build consensus, deftly manage a surge of press requests, and craft a message that helped facilitate the bill's passage while rendering it visible to the public at large.

Shadawn is moving on to tackle new challenges at the Department of Homeland Security, where she will serve as Director of Strategic Communications. She is one of a select few who stood tall and demonstrated exemplary grit during a most turbulent moment for our nation. I always felt proud to have her by my side.

I wish Shadawn all the best in her future endeavors, and I thank her for her service to the Committee, to the Congress, and to the country.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE
MONTH AND HONORING
ALEX SINK

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, as part of our national celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, I am paying tribute to Floridians who have made outstanding contributions to our community and our country.

Today I rise to honor Alex Sink.

Adelaide "Alex" Sink, who is originally from North Carolina, graduated from Wake Forest University with a degree in mathematics. Alex taught at girls' schools in Liberia and Sierra Leone before launching her career in banking and in politics.

Former Governor Lawton Chiles appointed Alex to the Commission on Government Accountability to the People, and later to the Commission on Education. In 2006, she was elected as Florida's Chief Financial Officer, becoming the first—and, to date, the only—woman to hold this cabinet-level position. On August 24, 2010, Alex won the Democratic primary for governor and launched an historic campaign. Throughout her career in public service, Alex has proven herself to be a compelling advocate for affordable health care, non-discriminatory adoption placement practices, and reproductive justice.

Alex has continued to positively impact Florida as a mentor and community activist.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating Alex Sink.

HONORING THE CAREER OF MIKE DANVERS

HON. PETE STAUBER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Wadena broadcast legend, Mike Danvers, who is retiring after forty years in the radio industry. His last show was today, May 28, 2021.

Mike moved to Wadena, Minnesota in the Fall of 1984 and has been with KWAD-AM, KNBP-AM and the Superstation K106 ever since. Most recently, Mike was the morning show host for the Superstation and grew a strong base of listeners and fans along the way. He is beloved in Wadena and the surrounding communities that make up the Superstation K106 listening area.

However, he is not just known as the man on the morning radio. Mike is especially passionate about high school wrestling and coached wrestling in the Wadena area for 22 years. He has broadcasted live from 23 Minnesota State High School League Wrestling Tournaments and called play-by-play for hundreds of high schools sporting events.

Mike has been a friend and mentor to dozens of young broadcasters, and his legacy will continue through the lives of everyone he has touched throughout his time in the Wadena community.

Mike is the epitome of a true broadcaster. While we will miss him on the airwaves every morning, we wish him nothing but the best in his retirement.

CELEBRATING ASIAN AMERICAN
AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC
ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 28, 2021

Mr. CASE. Madam Speaker, each year we come together to recognize May as Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Month, in celebration of the critical participation of our Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) communities in our national story.

Over the past year, the pandemic has highlighted the harsh disparities that too many in the AANHPI community face across several issues, including access to health care, education and more. Our nation has also seen an unprecedented rise in hate-driven violence against Asian Americans. As Congressman from Hawai'i, the state with the highest percentage of Asian Americans in our country, I stand in full solidarity with all in the AANHPI community in confronting, condemning and overcoming this desecration of that story.

My own mentor, U.S. Congressman and Senator Spark Matsunaga, understood that the way forward amongst all peoples was not through violence or discrimination, but through peace, education and understanding. He and his generation of Asian Americans in the World War II era prevailed through extreme hardship to live the belief that peace and equality are not just ideas and aspirations but achievable reality.

In my home state of Hawai'i, we have been blessed with so many AANHPI leaders whose actions continue to guide us. Senator Matsunaga's legacy lives on in the U.S. Institute of Peace, which he created through an act of Congress in 1984. Congresswoman Patsy Mink's Title IX legislation is the foundation of equal opportunity in our schools. The songs Queen Lili'uokalani wrote are beloved memorials to the perseverance of Hawaiian culture. This July, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the enactment of Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which helped return the Native Hawaiian people to the land that holds such deep ancestral, cultural and spiritual significance. Through these leaders and their successors, we see that despite generations of hardship and trial, AANHPI communities are standing strong and have led the charge to make our country better.

To AANHPIs everywhere and especially the close to 80 percent of my own constituents whose heritage lies in Asia and the Pacific, I am truly honored to elevate your voices in the halls of Congress and understand that a single month of remembrance is not enough. There is far more to be done, as a community, as a state and as a nation.

This May, in our 29th year of observing AANHPI month, I urge all of my fellow Americans to listen to the lessons of our past so we may act in the present to pave the way for our future.